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"The same historian [KS: West] also states (II. p. 89) that some captives became strongly attached to their gaoler who had treated them with studious compassion, so that they left the prison with tears! Backhouse mentions (p. 90) that one of the natives, having been nursed through an illness, 'showed many demonstrations of gratitude. This virtue is often exhibited among these people.' They also showed kindness to those in distress, thus: 'Two white men were lost in crossing a river on a raft before the tide was out. When some of the native women saw them in danger, they swam to the raft and begged the men to get upon their backs, and they would convey them to the shore; but the poor men refused, being overcome with fear. These kind-hearted women were greatly affected by this accident' (Backhouse, p. 147)."

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"When Bunce first met them, they scarcely deigned to look at his party (p. 55). Backhouse's later experience at their settlement on Flinders Island throws a little light on their apparent apathy. He relates (p. 81): 'A considerable number of the aborigines were upon the beach when we landed, ... but they took no notice of us until requested to do so by W. J. Darling; they then shook hands with us very affably. It does not accord with their ideas of proper manners to appear to notice strangers, or to be surprised at any novelty. On learning that plenty of [54] provisions had arrived by the cutter, they shouted for joy. After sunset they had a corrobery or dance round a fire, which they kept up till after midnight, in testimony of their pleasure.' 'When Jumbo [a native woman] first came on board, she was shown a musical box, constructed like a musical snuff box. Having been brought up among Europeans, she did not feign inattention to novelties, as is common with her country people, but showed pleasure and astonishment in a remarkable degree' (ibid. p. 93)."